



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BILL: HB1422
TITLE: Public Schools - Redistricting - Community Advisory Committees For Student Assignment
DATE: 3/4/2020
POSITION: STRONGLY OPPOSE
COMMITTEE: Ways and Means
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **strongly opposes** HB1422.

The intent of this bill is to ensure transparency and equity in input and decision making for redistricting processes by forming a community advisory committee. The bill requires the composition of the committee to consist of six parents, four educators, one member of the Board of Education, and any other member considered necessary.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) supports the intent of the bill, but does not agree with the format as it actually limits the ability of more individuals to participate in the process.

MCPS previously formed similar committees but found the small subset of feedback to be limiting for greater community input. The current process allows for all community members to share feedback to ensure a well-rounded perspective. Reverting back to a smaller advisory community may prove to be challenging when considering processes such as selecting advisory membership, as well as forming the overall advisory boundary position.

For these reasons, the Board **strongly opposes** this legislation and urges an unfavorable report.